

Conference Call #2 -- Minutes
October 5th, 2011

Attended by: Gov Kathy Alexander, Ron Lafreniere, Gary Gornik, Darrin Bolger, Erin Thomson, Andy Hughes, Heather Hughes

1. Welcome

D.G. Updates –

Zone A – Gil Boissoneault – as reported by Ron – Installations have been completed for Timmins Kinsmen and Kinettes and Porcupine Kinsmen. Having trouble contacting Kirkland Lake and Kapuskasing. Kirkland Lake will possibly be hosting spring conference. Kirkland Lake Kinette club is hosting an Open House on Oct 20th. Members of the Timmins clubs will be travelling there to support them. The new Kinette club will be sponsored by the Timmins Kinettes.

Zone B – Darrin Bolger – Portraits of Honour was just in town the night previous to this call. It was very successful. Still trying to get contact information from Walden and Sudbury, there is a continuous struggle to get participation from the clubs. There has been no contact with Sault Ste Marie yet. Official visitation and installation will take place on Nov 7th in Valley East. Darrin will try to have contact info within the next week or so by email.

Zone C – Heather Hughes – attended Applefest in Brighton – along with Gov Kathy and NP Dave. It was well attended and the sales went very well. First time ever, they ran out of pancakes and sausages for breakfast. Heather just attended a meeting in Bobcaygeon, to install 2 new members and there were also 2 potential new members and 1 member transferred in. 2 Kinettes will be attending FLC. December will be a busy month with a fellowship dinner, Santa parade, toy drive and Breakfast with Santa.

Zone Durham – Debbie Foggetti – not available

Zone Mid-ON – Shirley Heaps – by email, I have North Bay , Oct 20th & Parry Sound to Install, probably Oct 12th wrapping up this month. Finishing installations in Barrie Wednesday evening, a visit to Orangeville with Governor Kathy to help with ideas for membership on Tuesday. There is interest for a service director from another member from Barrie, will discuss more on Wednesday night. And encourage them to attend FLC. While installing Sutton Kin they had a transfer in from Keswick, (Wayne Hoult) the paperwork and name badge is complete. North Bay is looking for an information night, have yet to learn what they are looking for...

All contact information has been handed in to secretary Deb, have most of paperwork from clubs. They have been most co-operative.

Zone Halton Peel – Pat Payne –by email --I have only heard back from the Milton clubs as to their meeting days and times. As well as the Mississauga/Brampton/Bramalea clubs. And of course Lakeshore and mine. Acton is still having trouble getting the bank account info from Gail Stone last year treasurer. Jess and I are going to try and be at your meeting on the 11th.

2. Executive Updates

Governor – Kathy Alexander – hasn't been a conference call with the other Governor's and CEO Rik yet so I feel out of touch with what's happening in the Association. The shirts and badges are on the way, should be receiving them this week and will ship them out when they arrive. Even though it's early in the year, DG's are advised to check their zone by-laws in regards to which club should be hosting spring conference and contact them regarding a date. Mid Ontario conference will be hosted in Orangeville and is possibly going to be held on April 14th. It would be easier on the district team to have no conflicts in the dates, so please check into this as soon as possible.

Treasurer – Gary Gornik – was hoping to not need to order cheques and book for the Service account but it appears that it's going to be necessary. Expense cheques for Andy and Heather have been sent to Kathy for signing and forwarding. That will be done this week as well

Membership – Tony Foggetti – not available

Service – Erin Thomson & Andy Hughes – have made contact with the Zone reps (except for Les in Zone B – Erin was given his number by Darrin) We are looking into having the service training meeting at FLC, have the zone reps arrive on Thursday night for meetings all day on Friday. Just need to check with the YMCA to see if that will be possible. Gary will assist with the arrangements via his contact with the camp. Erin will contact Gary by Monday to see if it will be possible. Andy reports that the POH will be stopping in North Bay on Nov 15th, the Kin club is planning a Gala dinner.

3. Vice Governor's Report – Ron attended VG training at National last weekend. It was informative and interesting. The Risk Management team had a conference call last week. Ron would like to have a brief meeting with the Vice team at FLC to discuss preliminary ideas.
4. Past Governor's Report – not available
5. FLC information – a revised draft of the agenda has been drafted and will be sent out to the team. It outlines the breakout sessions that have been planned. We need to start pushing the conference although there has been some concern about the costs. Gary will check into this with the camp in regards to single and double accommodations. Andy was looking into a guest speaker for dinner time and hasn't received an answer back. Erin has contacted Jason at CF Canada about a speaker for lunch but hasn't heard back. She will contact him again or speak to someone at the Toronto Chapter to see if someone from there is available. The service team confirmed they need 20 min on the agenda and I let them know that I have booked Bruce Lloyd to attend and give a 20 min presentation on the POH. Comments were shared in regards to the Official call that was circulated and the lack of information about the break out sessions and the entertainment that was being planned. Kathy will draft another notice to be circulated to the clubs to highlight what members can expect at the conference. The Stouffville Kinsmen club are meeting Thursday night to discuss ideas.
6. Mid term – it is confirmed that mid-term will be held in North Bay. Mike Croghan is assisting Kathy with the arrangements and although he doesn't have anything finalized, he assured Kathy that he will be able to book accommodations for us. (not at the Arizona with the hourly rates!!)

7. District Convention information – the location has been confirmed as the YMCA, Camp Geneva for district convention in June. Mike Croghan and Doug Robinson have committed to looking after the details. Some concerns were expressed in regards to the difficulty with contacting the YMCA and getting information back about the costs. There was also a discussion about the format of the conference and the interest expressed by the organizers to eliminate the Friday portion of the business and have a Service Luncheon instead of a Friday night gala. It is the general consensus of the District Council to not eliminate the Friday service dinner with the fear that some focus will be directed away from CF and Service if this happens. Ron offered to contact the other Vice Governors across the country to see if they are facing the same issues with attendance and costs at conferences and what they are doing about it. This issue will need further discussion.